

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *VITREA* FROM GREECE.

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*VITREA* (*POLITA*) TOMLINI, n.sp.

Testa depressa, orbicularis, perspective umbilicata, supra fuscescenti-cornea, infra pallida, subpellucida, polita, lineis incrementi tenuissimis striata, striis permicroscopicis spiralibus confertis sculpta; spira depressa, ad apicem vix elata; anfractus 5-5½ leviter convexi, ad suturam linea angusta pallida marginati, ultimus ad peripheriam compresse rotundatus, antice hand descendens; apertura oblique lunata; peristoma tenue, ad insertionem prope umbilicum vix dilatatum vel reflexum. Diam. maj. 14, min. 12.5 mm.; alt. 5 mm.



*Hab.*—Pass of Thermopylæ, under stones in the bed of a dried-up torrent.

Six specimens of this species were collected by Mr. J. R. Le Brocton Tomlin at the above locality in April, 1903. Although very like some other forms in general appearance, still on close examination the present species appears to be separable. In comparison with the well-known *V. lucida* of Draparnaud it is seen to be a trifle flatter, the spire more depressed, the whorls more convex, and consequently the suture is deeper. The umbilicus is a little broader, and the microscopic spiral sculpture, although excessively minute and only visible under the microscope, is more apparent than in *lucida*. The last whorl in the latter is also a little broader than that of the present species, and consequently the form of the aperture is different. I have much pleasure in associating with this species the name of its discoverer. He submitted it to Dr. Boettger for determination, who kindly replied concerning it, "Ähnliche Arten sind weder aus Griechenland beschrieben, noch finden sich solche in meiner Sammlung."